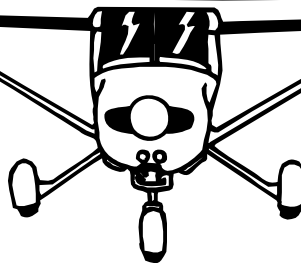


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UPCOMING EVENTS

August	
5-7	SAREX Tulsa
17-20	Nat'l Conference
19	Nat'l Aviation Day
27-28	NCPSC - SWO
September	
10	IC Staff Tabletop
17-18	Aircrew Academics
October	
8-9	Unit Commanders Course



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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Joe R. Smith

Editors Note: Colonel Smith was unavailable for comments at press time.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Maj Deb Spencer OK Wing Professional Development Officer

Council Oak squadron is hosting the next Unit Commanders Course on Oct 8-9 at the Tulsa ANG facility.

This course is not limited to Unit Commanders. The materials presented will also benefit Deputy Commanders for Cadets and Seniors, Professional Development Officers, Cadet Programs Officers, Operations Officers and any one else interested in the "management" aspect of running a squadron. Topics include recruiting and retention, command responsibility and accountability, safety, how to work

with families, adverse member

actions, budgeting and fundraising, leadership, communication, and elements of successful units and leaders.

The next Corporate Learning Course will be in Feb 06, in conjunction with the Cadet Conference. Our last Squadron Leadership School was in May. If anyone is interested in attending (or hosting) the next SLS, please let me know.

Maj Deb Spencer
OK Wing Professional
Development Officer

CIVIL AIR PATROL 2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Don't miss out on all the fun and action in historic St. Louis, home of the Civil Air Patrol 2005 National Conference.

You can celebrate the 40th anniversary of the city's signature attraction, the 630-foot-tall Gateway Arch, by taking a tram ride to the top of the Arch, visiting the Museum of Westward Expansion or taking a cruise on the Gateway Arch Riverboats. You can also take a stroll in the historic Riverwalk district Laclede's Landing and enjoy some of St. Louis' finest cuisine or live music just minutes away from the beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel. Discounted conference rates have been extended through July 29, but rooms are going fast so make your reservations now.

There's even more family fun waiting for you at Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals. Join your CAP comrades for a fun evening with the Cardinals Friday night and watch the Fort Zumwalt Falcon Cadet Squadron, North Central Region post the colors at the game. CAP block tickets are available only through conference registration.

Other area attractions include Six Flags St. Louis, where the "Tornado" rules; the Missouri Botanical Gardens, which takes visitors back in time to the days of Tom Sawyer; World Aquarium, where tourists can get up front and personal with water-loving creatures; Adrenaline Zone, which features a laser game that takes bumper cars to a whole new level; the St. Louis Zoo, where the attractions include Fragile Forest and Cypress Swamp; and the Science Center, a haven for Indiana Jones wannabes.

Plus, there's numerous historical and cultural sites, like the Museum of Transportation, the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site and the St. Louis Art Museum, as well as riverboat gaming at Harrah's Casino! Aviation buffs may want to visit Boeing's Prologue Room located adjacent to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Part of the Defense unit of The Boeing Company, the exhibit represents Boeing throughout its history and contains over 400 large- and small-scale aircraft models, 80 years worth of historic photos and a collection of aviation paintings by famous aviation artists.

On August 17-20, be sure to attend the city's most important event, the Civil Air Patrol's 2005 National Conference. Enjoy guest speaker Eric Boe, a NASA Astronaut, former CAP cadet and a member since 1977. Jack Pelton, President of Cessna Aircraft, will speak at Friday's General Assembly. Be sure to register before August 3 to receive discounted conference rates. If you register online before August 3, you will be eligible to win a free laptop!



EMERGENCY SERVICES

LtC Paul Spencer OK Wing Emergency Services Officer

OK Wing is having a busy summer with AFRCC missions--we've had 7 since May 13.

On May 13, a Ground Team from Flying Castle CS (under the direction of Wing Staff members LtC Satchell and 1Lt Miles) silenced an ELT on a helicopter at the Seminole airport. On May 28, a team from Cleveland County CS silenced an ELT at the Weatherford airport. Next we had two missing aircraft/pilot alerts right in a row, on June 18 and June 19. Both pilots were located alive and well, just not where they were supposed to be. One was located at Tradewinds airport in Amarillo TX and the other in Elkhart KS. In both cases, their route of flight included parts of OK so we were alerted for a possible search. On June 24, a team from Flying Castle CS was dispatched to Will Rogers airport to silence an ELT located on the FAA ramp on a Lear 65. The Altus squadron participated in an ELT search that took them to Olustee OK for a non-distress find on June 28. And OKC Composite sent a team to Page, Will Rogers and Downtown Airpark in OKC on July 6, but were not able to locate the source of the ELT signal before it ceased on its own.

So what can you do to make sure you're ready to answer the call?

First, each squadron needs to submit a current OKWG 50 to the Wing Emergency Services Officer that lists accurate contact information for your squadron Alert Officer(s). This information is distributed to the ICs so they know who to call. The Alert Officer should maintain a current list of qualified members within their unit and good contact numbers (known as a Phone Alert or Call Down roster). And each member should be ready with a clean uniform, proper cards and equipment in good working condition.

Are you ready?

LtC Paul Spencer
OK Wing Emergency Services Officer



SAFETY PLEDGE ~ WORTH REPEATING

“As a Civil Air Patrol member, I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our missions for America.”

CAP CADETS BUILD NEW PLANES AT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ACADEMY

Seven cadets from Oklahoma were among 21 Civil Air Patrol cadets who attended a new summer academy on aircraft manufacturing and maintenance.

The event was held July 16-23 at the Cessna Manufacturing plant in Independence, Kansas.

During the three-day seminar, the cadets, representing 14 different state CAP Wings, upholstered seats, assembled fuel cells, hung wings and painted new planes. They also went through the actual pre-employment testing administered to regular employees, safety briefings, and rivet training.

“The workforce was eager to show us what their jobs were all about. The cadets go to work hands-on, and they were impressed with the workers’ professionalism,” said Major Phil Holbrook, project activities director.

Those attending from Oklahoma were Charles Bassett, Collinsville; William Bassett, Collinsville; Gregory Keller, Maramec; Matt Scatamacchia, Tulsa; and Becca Thompson, Moore.



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